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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q61635

Shun-ichi ISHIKAWA, et al.

Allowed: January 14, 2005

Appln. No.: 09/725,934 ✓

Group Art Unit: 2622

Confirmation No.: 2881

Examiner: Heather D. GIBBS

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For: METHOD OF READING AN IMAGE, METHOD OF FORMING A COLOR IMAGE, DEVICE FOR FORMING A COLOR IMAGE, SILVER HALIDE COLOR PHOTOSENSITIVE MATERIAL, AND A DEVICE FOR PROCESSING A PHOTOSENSITIVE MATERIAL

COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:


In response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance accompanying the Notice of Allowability dated January 14, 2005, Applicant submits the following comments:

COMMENTS

Applicant notes that the Examiner's particular comments regarding the reasons for allowance are not applicable to all of the independent claims. For example, the reasons for allowance of claim 1 include features not explicitly included in independent claims 7, 9, and 10.

Applicant further submits that the scope of the claims should be governed by the actual claim language and not by the Examiner's reasons for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,


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